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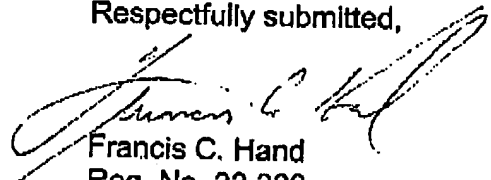
**Response to Restriction Requirement**

Sir,

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 8, 2007, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, i.e. claims 1 to 12 without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file a separate Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims of Group II at any time during and in dependence on the prosecution of the claims of Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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